

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Drytest run Part 1_comp_2

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000126.009

Medium: Video File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 June 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 16 June 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Drytest run Part 1_comp_2	10:25
Total running time:		10:25

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file depicts a man filming covert footage of a sleeping boy while masturbating. The man also threatens to sexually assault the boy. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The video presents young boys as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual gratification. It is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in young boys. As a digital file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals, perpetuating this interest. The video may also be used for grooming other children for sexual abuse. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is

consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation and harm.